

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. June 16, 2020 with the following members present: Bell, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Agne. Smith was absent. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:

Notice of Voluntary Resignation from Renee Mueller, Public Health Nurse, effective June 5, 2020.

Notice of Voluntary Resignation from Jerod Timmerman, Secondary Roads Maintenance Worker II, effective June 19, 2020.

Iowa Utilities Board regarding Hazardous Liquid Pipelines and Underground Storage requesting Stakeholder Comment on Draft Notice of Intended Action.

Notice of hiring Kim Mente, Temporary part-time employee effective May 24, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$29.15, Public Health Program Coordinator.

Elizabeth Gardner, Dispatcher employed three years, effective June 12, 2020 hourly wage increases to \$19.62.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:

Ray Slach – Site 6 #67289.

Anderson Farms #59433.

Jeff Salsbery, facility site: 1134 Old Muscatine Rd., Tipton.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on June 12, 2020 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #423852 for \$6,122.07-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the agenda.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments and there were none.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of June 9, 2020.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Claim Disbursements #423660 - #423851 paid on June 11, 2020.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the allow/disallow BPT applications as presented.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Solutions, Inc. Support Agreement.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Sup. Agne requested Auditor Dauber to send an email to all departments notifying them to assess the usage of the computers in each department due to the cost the county is being charged for each desktop and laptop.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Solutions, Inc. Statement of Work Agreement.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to reappoint Laura Twing and Roger Laughlin to the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority for a two-year term.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Auditor Dauber informed the Board that the County is responsible for conducting public hearings and adopting policies regarding the CDBG COVID-19 Grant that was awarded for equipment purchase for the City of Tipton and the City of Mechanicsville. Discussion was held. Sup. Kaufmann will call Roger at Community Action to discuss. Sup. Agne requested a week to review all the materials. The consensus of the board was to forward the documents to the Assistant County Attorney Blank to review.

Engineer Fangmann presented a utility permit for Liberty Communications to expand the fiber line in the SW corner of the county from I-80 S to the county line and the \$100.00 fee applies.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Agne to approve the utility permit for Liberty Communications.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Interim Public Health Director Butler updated the board, as of today there are 53 COVID-19 cases. Sup. Agne asked how many are cured, Butler did not have that information. Sup. Kaufmann asked if swimming pools are open. Butler stated the City of Tipton is working on opening the pool, but will not open the lazy river due to the cleaning of the innertubes. EMA Director Freet updated the Board that she received information on the temporary employee for checking temperatures of the public at the entrance of the courthouse. Robert Half Office Team would pay the temp. employee \$12.00 per hour and the county would be charged \$20.69 per hour from Robert Half Office Team. The hours would be 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Freet has left a message to Homeland Security asking them if they would approve the 75% reimbursement on the \$20.69 per hour. She has not received an answer. The worst-case scenario is the county would be reimbursed for the \$12.00 per hour at 75% which would cost approximately \$2,264 for the total of five weeks. Discussion continued.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to fund the worst-case scenario.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Sup. Agne informed the board that when he was in the courthouse last week a couple citizens expressed they were happy with the operation of the courthouse. Sup. Kaufmann received calls regarding operation of the Recorder's Office being accommodating and providing great customer service and the Sheriff's Office, a Deputy dealing with a situation fairly and being calm. The Deputy followed up the next day to check in on the citizen. Sup. Bell updated the board that the additional window for the Clerk of Court's Office increased the quote to a total of \$14,038.32 and he contacted two individuals regarding interest to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board due to the new requirement of living outside the city limits. The Board's consensus was to have Auditor Dauber place an ad in the newspaper for the vacancies. Sup. Bell is still researching a permanent outside drop box for the courthouse. Sup. Bell received a call from a concerned citizen on the rioting taking place in Johnson County. Sheriff Wethington updated the Board that an ambulance was stopped in traffic last week when the interstate was closed due to the rioting. General discussion was held regarding how dependent our county is to travel to Iowa City for life saving procedures. Board members asked the Sheriff how he would handle citizens blocking the interstate in Cedar County. The Sheriff replied, "We would ask you to get off the interstate and if they did not, they would go to jail." He stated he understands and has no problem with protesting although his job is to protect Cedar County citizens and the citizens that pass through the county.

Moved by Sup. seconded by Sup. to adjourn at 9:36 a.m., to June 23, 2020.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

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Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

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Steve Agne, Chairperson